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MEMORANDUM FOR : PI/ ☐
ATTENTION : MR. KARAMESSINES
THROUGH : CHIEF, SE
SUBJECT : Assignment of a CIA Officer to the Air University

1. While on active duty at the Air University (Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama) I had several occasions to chat with Brigadier General Lloyd Hopwood, Commandant of the Command and Staff College, as well as other members of the Air University staff. I learned that the Air War College, for example, has assigned to it representatives from the Army, Navy, and Department of State in advisory capacities; I also learned indirectly that the Air University of which the Air War College is a part, might have a need for and probably would look favorably upon a CIA advisor.

2. In an atmosphere of complete academic freedom, the Air University seems to be the recognized seat of United States Air Force doctrine and strategy. It is also the one place outside highest military councils where national objectives, NSC policy, and their means of implementation are seriously examined, discussed, researched, and expounded without the fetters of rank or intra-service politics.

3. I found a healthy respect for CIA and its responsibilities in the pursuance of our nation's objectives, but a tinge of disappointment in the one or two speakers who at one time or another addressed certain courses on the subject of CIA's role in United States national security. From a description of one such lecture, I guessed that it was the same presentation we normally give to recruits and which rarely ventures beyond Public Law 283. If it were not for the sober intent of the Air University staff and a similar attitude among the students there I would hesitate even to broach this suggestion. But because of this and the plain fact that airpower presently plays a predominately vital part in the structure of an entirely new war strategy (cold and hot) I would like to propose that CIA carefully consider the possibility of assigning a first-drawer officer to the Air University as an advisor similar to those provided by other governmental departments. If this proposal has any merit the first move appears to be ours to determine officially whether a CIA advisor would be welcomed.

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TO : Director of Training

DATE: 1 September 1955

FROM : DC/PPS/TR

SUBJECT: Assignment of CIA Officers to Staffs and Faculties of Senior Service Schools

25X1 REFERENCE : Memo for FI/[] dated 30 Jun 55, subject: Assignment of a CIA Officer to the Air University

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2. Security considerations would seriously limit the usefulness of an individual if assigned."

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The Office of Training feels that much of what [] has suggested has considerable merit. Our Office, however, cannot concur in the proposals for the following reasons:

1. There is insufficient evidence of the need for assignment of an Agency representative on a full-time basis to the staff and faculty of senior service schools to justify such action, particularly under the restricted ceiling implications placed upon us as of 31 July 1955. Qualified personnel in CIA are at a premium, and only the most qualified should be sent to the service schools in the capacity suggested.
2. Security considerations would seriously limit the usefulness of an individual if assigned, unless the Office of Security changes its concept completely on what CIA representatives may disclose at service schools and colleges.

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